

Mary Posey letters

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

Mary Alexander Thornton Posey (1754-1837), the daughter of Virginia aristocrat John Alexander, was born in Stafford County, Virginia. In 1773 she married George Thornton, a wealthy businessman and landowner in Fredericksburg, Virginia. After Thornton's death in 1781 while serving in the militia, Mary married Thomas Posey, who was appointed governor of the Indiana Territory in 1813 following Harrison's resignation. Posey served in that capacity until statehood in 1816, when he ran unsuccessfully for governor against Jonathan Jennings. Soon after, Posey was appointed Indian agent for the Illinois Territory in 1816, and died while serving in the office at Shawneetown in 1818.

Source: <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/collection-guides/thomas-posey-collection-1776-1839.pdf>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes two personal letters, and a typed copy of each letter, from Mary Posey, wife of Governor Thomas Posey, to her daughter, Mrs. Eliza Maria Street, Shawneetown, Illinois Territory, June 28, 1816, and May 20, 1821.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Illinois Territory
- Shawneetown (Ill.)

Personal Name(s)

- Posey, Thomas, 1750-1818
- Street, Eliza Maria, 1792-1847

Subject(s)

- Correspondence